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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SPOKANE

JAMES LEIGHTY,

Plaintiff,

v.

SPOKANE COUNTY, a municipal
corporation; SHERIFF JOHN NOWELS,
an individual; and SPOKANE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, a subdivision of a
municipal corporation,

Defendants.

No. 2:24-cv-00165-TOR

DECLARATION OF MIKA
ROTHMAN IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

NOTED: JUNE 24, 2024

WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENT

I, Mika Rothman, declare as follows:

1. I am one of the attorneys for Plaintiff James Leighty. I am over the age of 18, and am competent to testify.

2. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office has a Facebook page titled "Spokane County Sheriff's Office." In the "Intro" section of the page, it is labeled as a "Law Enforcement Agency" page and lists the Office's official website, phone

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1 number, email address, and physical address.

2 3. The “Intro” section of the page contains the following text: “Sheriff J.
3 Nowels-Limited Public Forum Policy” and links to a document titled “Spokane
4 County Sheriff’s Office Social Media Disclaimer.” **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct
5 copy of the Disclaimer document.

6 4. Any of the nearly 3 billion Facebook users can view the SCSO
7 Facebook page.

8 5. Any Facebook user can also view and “follow” the SCSO Facebook
9 page. When a Facebook user “follows” the SCSO Facebook page, they effectively
10 subscribe to posts written and published by the SCSO. These posts appear on the
11 user’s home feed, which is a unique compilation of posts presented to each user
12 when they log into their Facebook account.

13 6. Only “administrators” of SCSO’s page can “post” to its Facebook
14 page, but any member of the public can interact with SCSO’s posts in a number of
15 ways, regardless of whether they “follow” the page. A user can choose from one of
16 several emoticon reactions to a post: “like,” “love,” “care,” “haha,” “wow,” “sad,”
17 or “angry.” A user can share the post directly to their Facebook friends, to their
18 home feed, send it in a private message to another Facebook user, share it to a
19 group of Facebook users, or share it to a Facebook user’s profile page. A user also
20 can comment on the post directly, reply to a comment posted by another user, or
21 apply an emoticon reaction to the post.

22 7. Facebook allows administrators of a page to “hide” comments posted
23 to the page by other users. A “hidden” comment is visible only to the user who

1 posted it and their Facebook “friends” but invisible to everyone else.

2 8. Page comments that are not “hidden” are visible to anyone who views
3 the page, regardless of whether they are a Facebook user logged into their account.

4 9. On March 23, 2021, SCSO posted on its Facebook page, announcing
5 that no charges would be filed against one of its deputies who fatally shot a
6 Spokane resident. Comments offering support for SCSO and the deputy are visible
7 on the post. **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of the post and all viewable
8 comments as of April 15, 2024. SCSO applied a “thumbs up” emoticon reaction to
9 five comments, each of which expressed support for law enforcement or the
10 deputy’s actions. **Exhibit 3** contains true and correct copies of screenshots
11 showing SCSO’s reaction to these comments.

12 10. On October 19, 2023, SCSO posted on its Facebook page, announcing
13 the details of an investigation and arrest. Comments expressing support for SCSO
14 remained viewable. **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of the post and all
15 viewable comments as of April 12, 2024. SCSO applied a “thumbs up” emoticon
16 reaction to a comment that expressed support for law enforcement. **Exhibit 5**
17 contains true and correct copies of screenshots showing SCSO’s reaction to this
18 comment.

19 11. On October 26, 2023, SCSO posted on its Facebook page, announcing
20 the details of a major drug bust. Only positive comments remain visible on the
21 post. **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of the post and all viewable comments as
22 of April 12, 2024. SCSO applied a “thumbs up” emoticon reaction to two of the
23 comments: “Great work, thank you for protecting us” and “Good job guys and

1 gals!!". **Exhibit 7** contains true and correct copies of screenshots showing SCSO's
 2 reaction to these comments.

3 12. On March 20, 2024, SCSO posted on its Facebook page, announcing
 4 an investigation into a civilian shooting that occurred the same day and providing
 5 "initial information" about the shooting. **Exhibit 8** is a true and correct copy of the
 6 post and all viewable comments as of April 12, 2024. SCSO applied a "thumbs up"
 7 emoticon reaction to six comments. **Exhibit 9** contains true and correct copies of
 8 screenshots showing SCSO's reaction to these comments.

9 13. On May 8, 2024, SCSO posted on its Facebook page, announcing
 10 that a murder suspect whom SCSO investigated and arrested had been convicted
 11 and sentenced. Plaintiff commented on the post, asking when an SCSO deputy who
 12 had attacked an elderly man during an arrest would be charged. **Exhibit 10** is a
 13 true and correct copy of the post and all viewable comments as of May 10, 2024.
 14 SCSO applied a "thumbs up" emoticon reaction to six comments. **Exhibit 11**
 15 contains true and correct copies of screenshots showing SCSO's reaction to these
 16 comments. SCSO also allowed public comments wishing violence or death on
 17 others to remain visible.

18 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of
 19 America and the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

20 DATED this 16th day of May, 2024, at Seattle, Washington.

21
 22 /s/Mika Rothman
 23 Mika Rothman

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date noted below I electronically filed this document entitled **Declaration of Mika Rothman in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system.

DATED this 16th day of May, 2024, at Seattle, Washington.

/s/Olivia Doolan

Olivia Doolan, Legal Assistant

EXHIBIT 1

TO DECLARATION OF MIKA ROTHMAN



SPOKANE COUNTY
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SHERIFF JOHN F. NOWELS

"In partnership with the community -
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Spokane County Sheriff's Office Social Media Disclaimer

The purpose of the Spokane County Sheriff's Office's participation in social media is to enhance communication, collaboration, information exchange, and transparency, streamline processes, and foster productivity. Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) endorses the secure use of social media to enhance and support SCSO program goals and objectives.

There is no endorsement, implied or otherwise, by SCSO of any fan posts, links, or photos. Site writers/fans are fully responsible for the content they submit. Opinions expressed by site writers/fans are not the opinions of SCSO. This social media site is intended to serve as a mechanism for communication between the public and SCSO on the listed topics. Any comments submitted to SCSO social media sites are public records subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56. Public disclosure requests must be directed to the Spokane County Public Disclosure Officer. Please see the [Public Records Request Page](#) for more information.

Comments are important to us and others who read these pages. As our community includes people of all ages and backgrounds, this disclaimer is intended to ensure that all posted comments are appropriate for all ages, courteous and respectful of others, and related to matters, activities, programs, policies, and/or operations relevant to Spokane County or Spokane Valley.

SCSO reserves the right to delete postings that are inconsistent with the policies in this disclaimer, including, but not limited to, comments that contain the following prohibited words, text, or information:

- Defamatory, vulgar, obscene, abusive, profane, threatening, hateful, intimidating, or otherwise offensive language.
- Sexual content or links to sexual content.
- Malicious or offensive comments based on gender, race, class, ethnicity, national origin, political affiliation, religion, sexual orientation, disability or other classifications.
- Solicitations or advertisements, including promotion or endorsement of any financial, commercial, or non-governmental agency.
- Attempts to defame or defraud any individual(s) or organizations.
- Posts or comments in support of or opposition to political campaigns or ballot measures.
- Viruses or similar harmful programs, including spam and similar content.
- Proprietary information or intellectual property that is posted without the approval of the owner. Copyrighted or trademarked images or graphics. Imagery not owned by the user.
- Comments on matters unrelated to activities of Spokane County or Spokane Valley, associated boards, committees or programs, policies, operations, or general areas of responsibility and representation.
- Information that may compromise the safety or security of the public, public officials, or public systems.
- Information that violates a local, state, or national law or suggests or encourages illegal activity.

Users participate at their own risk and are personally responsible for their own comments, usernames, and any information provided. Although SCSO welcomes comments consistent with this disclaimer, to protect personal privacy, users should not disclose personally identifiable information. SCSO reserves the right to block users and/or delete comments that are inconsistent with this disclaimer.

EXHIBIT 2

TO DECLARATION OF MIKA ROTHMAN

**Spokane County Sheriff's Office**

March 23, 2021 · ⚙️

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:****No Criminal Charges in December 2020 Officer Shooting**

SPOKANE COUNTY, March 23, 2021 – The Spokane County Prosecutor's Office has determined that Spokane County Detention Services Corrections Officer Sgt. Justin White was justified in his use of lethal force against Nancy J. King. While attempting to communicate with King, she pulled a knife on White and followed him into the jail lobby. As White attempted to back away from her, King ignored White's commands to drop the weapon.

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As investigators reviewed their options, at approximately 7:44pm on December 4, 2020, an individual later identified as Nancy King, entered the outer doors of the foyer at the Spokane County Detention Facility and demanded entry into the inside lobby, which was locked to due COVID restrictions. Despite being told that the lobby was closed,

King repeatedly demanded to be let inside and began to ring the buzzer. A Detention Facility cashier employee requested assistance from a Sergeant. Corrections Sgt. Justin White responded to speak with King.

As White neared the locked inner doors, he signaled to the cashier to unlock the door to facilitate a conversation between White and King. After a few seconds, King quickly produced a knife from her coat pocket and immediately raised it to within inches of White's face. White, who had been propping the automatic door open with his foot, immediately stepped backwards into the lobby to gain separation from King and the knife. King followed White inside the lobby and continued to advance towards him. White pulled his service weapon and demanded that King drop the knife as he continued to back away from King. King continuously held the knife high, directly at White, as she advanced.

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Subsequent investigation showed King was armed with a large knife that was recovered at the scene. Video collected from the jail, along with an eyewitness account of the incident, clearly showed that Nancy King was armed and continued to threaten Sgt. White throughout the incident until shots were fired. King was declared deceased at the scene. The autopsy determined that King died of gunshot wounds. Toxicology tests determined that King's blood ethanol level was .12 and she also tested at .15 mg/L for Citalopram.

Under these facts and circumstances, Sgt. White was justified in his use of deadly force. At the time of the application of deadly force, Sgt. White had an objective good faith belief in the correctness of his actions and that he was acting pursuant to RCW 9A.16.040. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed against Sgt. White in this matter.





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News Release

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August Knab

Oh, so he fell after he fired. In which case, he was unable to back up any further and she was closing in on him. Very difficult situation.

3y Like Reply





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**August Knab**

Are there any training scenarios similar to this? It'd be interesting to know if this scenario could be run with a variety of outcomes. Is that something your department does? When I was in the military we had AARs to go over scenarios. Does the SCSO do that?

3y Like Reply

**Author****Spokane County Sheriff's Office**

Annemarie Frohnhoefer yes, we conduct RBT Reality Based Training and simulations. A lot of our training isn't set in a classroom sitting at a table. Law review etc., yes but application, decision making, planning, etc. needs to be reality based.

3y Like Reply

**Jane Peterson**

Spokane County Sheriff's Office are any of your virtual reality training scenarios similar to the King/White one? Do you have virtual reality training scenarios that can end without the officer firing any shots? I've been told that SPD recently added s... [See more](#)

3y Like Reply

**Author****Spokane County Sheriff's Office**

Jane Peterson we train all types of scenarios. To be clear, the Jail is not part of the Sheriff's Office or under our oversight or control. We cannot speak to their training and what they do, only ours.

3y Like Reply

**Ruth Michaelis**

I am so sorry. How awful for everyone involved.

3y Like Reply

**Amanda Hunt**

Good

3y Like Reply

**Raquel Robbins**

Good news and of course no social workers would show up they know they would die

3y Like Reply

**Jerome Altieri**

I close my eyes. And imagine if I was in that situation. First thing I'd ask. Didn't a tazor work. Did she have Mental issues. Was she threatening my life. 70 years old. I don't know. But very sad.

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**Justin Carey**

Plus this Sgt. Will have to live with this for the rest of his life. Sgt. White, let me express my greatest appreciation to you, as well as your brothers and sisters in service. I'm sure we can all understand the true fact that every day you put your B... [See more](#)

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**AJ Grovesa**

"Justified" bc he couldn't handle a 70 year old woman. There are more tools in the toolbox than killing someone.

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Andres Grovesa did you know that a person can go approx 21ft in 1.5seconds? She was charging him with a deadly weapon. Please tell us what you would've done differently in 2 seconds to prevent a possible fatal stab wound?

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Kelly Ann

Never underestimate violent EDPs

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Jack Richard Raymos Jr.

Never should have made it through the door but people are so worried about what society thinks he could not do what was best for all in the first place this world is going to hell

3y Like Reply



Rebekah McQuown

This is devastating for all parties involved. However, I do take issue with stating the victim's blood alcohol content and private medications as a means to further justify White's actions. It wasn't a DUI, accidental death, or drowning so blood alcohol... [See more](#)

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James Nethery

Rebekah McQuown the key issue is the mixing of the two which could cause manic episodes

3y Like Reply



Rebekah McQuown

James Nethery That's not actually what causes manic episodes. A manic episode implies a diagnosis of bipolar disorder/ manic depression. The mixing of the two is known to exacerbate the side effects of the medication and/or heighten effects of alcohol.... [See more](#)

3y Like Reply Edited



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Rebekah McQuown if she was a diagnosed bipolar patient then the alcohol 100% with citalopram will help cause mania....lived 25 years with a bipolar father....come at me sista

3y Like Reply





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James Nethery I don't believe there was mention of her diagnosis?
Cymbalta isn't a first line medication for manic depression. Medications
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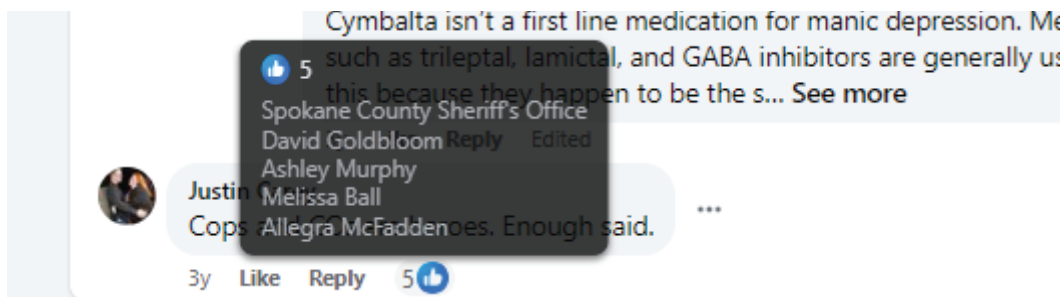
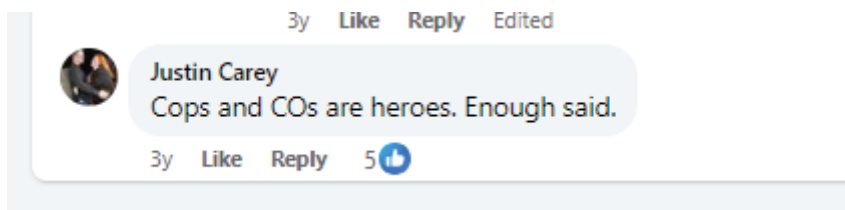
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EXHIBIT 4

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October 19, 2023 · 🌐


UAS Assists Deputies with Locating an Injured DV Suspect

Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies searched a wooded area near I-90 and S. Grove Road for a possibly injured and armed Domestic Violence (DV) suspect, with the assistance of a UAS (Unmanned Aerial System). The suspect was located, taken into custody, and later booked into jail for Violation of a Protection Order with Assault (DV) and a warrant for Violation of a Protection Order (DV).

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On October 18, 2023, at approximately 7:00 pm, Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a domestic violence incident report near I-90 and S. Grove Road.

An AMR employee reported he was flagged down by an adult male who stated his ex-husband attacked him. He told AMR staff the suspect was armed with a utility knife and scissors, bleeding from cuts, and last seen in a wooded area just off the roadway.

Arriving Deputies spoke with the victim, who said he was involved in a physical altercation with the suspect, identified as 51-year-old Michael P. Powers. He believed that Powers was injured during the incident and did not know where he was but thought he might be seriously injured.

With the possibility Powers was injured, armed, and in a dark, wooded area with thick underbrush, a Deputy with a UAS was requested to assist in the search. Deputies began searching and located a damaged camping tent, items strewn around the immediate area, and what appeared to be blood drops around the campsite, but Powers was not found.

During an interview, the victim's account continually changed, and he seemed unable to focus on the topic. He was detained as the search for Powers continued.

Just before 9:00 pm, the UAS operator, using the infrared camera system, located Powers and guided Deputies to his location. Powers, who was injured, provided medical attention and was safely detained.

When speaking with Powers and the victim, information received was inconstant, incomplete, and/or unanswered, leaving an unclear account of what occurred during this physical altercation.

A check of Powers' name revealed a Protection Order (DV) between the parties and that he had an active misdemeanor warrant- Violating a Protection Order (DV) for his arrest. He was provided medical treatment for his injuries before being booked into the Spokane County Jail for a new charge of Violation of a Protection Order with Violence and his warrant.

Following the investigation, the victim was released without charges.





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Nate Hasher

Thank you to sheriff's daughter... Nadine.

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Grewat job Spokane Co Sheriff; great Deputies.

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James Chrestenson

Did they beat him? Was he sleeping?

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Anita Wooten Tallman

Thank you Spokane County Sheriff's Office

25w Like Reply 6



Ox Brat Homestead

See how you arrested this guy but not your own officer who comitted elder abuse, among other serious crimes?

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Mateo Goule
Victim....

25w Like Reply



Brad Kisela

(Unmanned Aerial System) LOL aka: drone





Bob Salsbury

You might mention that based on RCW passed by Democratic Party legislators he can't be ORD or kicked on a bond on these charges.

25w Like Reply



AP Baker

UAS? Pfff... Shouldn't you be finding more 62 year old men to kick the ever loving crap of because they are minding their own business in a parking lot? Tyrants. I always back blue, but Deputy Hilton is a loose cannon.

25w Like Reply

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Craig Engelhardt

AP Baker they call it a UAS because they think it makes them look smarter than just calling it a drone! FTP!

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AP Baker

Craig Engelhardt video is shocking and appalling

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Jeff Knutson

Sgt. Clay Hilton says on video that he beat the man because he wasn't listening but after the fact says it was because he was worried about a knife. There's no way in the world where he does this because of knife but then tells this man it was because ...

See more

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Luka Giovanni

What absolutely disgusting thug deputy you have a clear danger to the public

25w Like Reply

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Kevin Marsh

Luka Giovanni He'll probably be exonerated or allowed to slip away into retirement. If it were me or you we'd be in the clink awaiting a court appearance.

25w Like Reply

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EXHIBIT 5

TO DECLARATION OF MIKA ROTHMAN



Anita Wooten Tallman

Thank you **Spokane County Sheriff's Office**

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EXHIBIT 6

TO DECLARATION OF MIKA ROTHMAN

**Spokane County Sheriff's Office**

October 26, 2023 · 🌐



SVIU Detectives Nab Drug Dealing Suspect and Recover Large Smorgasbord of Illegal Drugs and Cash

Spokane Valley Investigative Unit (SVIU) Detectives, with the SWAT Team and Patrol Deputies assisting, serve search warrants and arrest an adult male suspected of selling large amounts of illegal drugs, at times, within 1000' of the perimeter of a school ground. The suspect was booked into the Spokane County Jail on several felony charges with a sentencing enhancement for the School Zone Violation.

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On October 24, 2023, as part of an ongoing drug investigation, Spokane Valley Investigative Unit (SVIU) Detectives, assisted by the SWAT Team and Patrol Deputies, arrested the primary suspect, identified as 41-year-old Ryan J. Lund, near E. Trent Avenue and N. Pines Road, and served search warrants to recover additional illegal narcotics.

Information gleaned during the investigation indicated Lund was selling Blues/Mexis (pills suspected to contain Fentanyl), Methamphetamine, Heroin, and possibly other illegal drugs/narcotics. SVIU Detectives noted some of these illicit drug sales occurred within a school perimeter, well within the 1000' set by state laws, causing a sentencing enhancement to be added.

At the culmination of the arrest and execution of the search warrants. SVIU Detective seized approximately:

- 9.33 lbs. of Methamphetamine
- 8,578 Suspected Fentanyl Pills
- 59.4g Suspected Fentanyl Powder
- 56.1g Heroin
- 41.6g Psilocybin Mushrooms
- 4+ Xanax Pills
- 7 digital scales
- 4 drug ledgers
- Food Saver/Sealer
- Mixing Bowl w/Powder Residue
- Misc. Baggies for Packaging
- Mixing Spoons w/Residue
- Cargo Trailer
- 1 Cell Phone/2 Laptops
- \$3,760 U.S Currency

Lund was advised of his rights and refused to answer questions. He was transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail on multiple felony charges, including two with enhancements for selling a controlled substance within 1000' of a school perimeter. (RCW 69.50.435)

SVIU Detectives recommended felony charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent Manufacture/Deliver (2 counts) with an enhancement for a violation for sale in a Protected School Zone (2 counts) and six additional charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent Manufacture/Deliver.

This investigation continues, and additional charges and arrests are possible.





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Sheriff

Spokane Valley Investigative Unit Detectives Recover Large Smorgasbord of Illegal Drugs and Cash

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(Approximate Amounts)

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Ellery Bryant

Good job guys and gals!!

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Andrew Gonzalez

More undercover foot patrols and you'll find every dealer in the city within a month.

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Jessica Raymos

I pray he doesnt just get let back out

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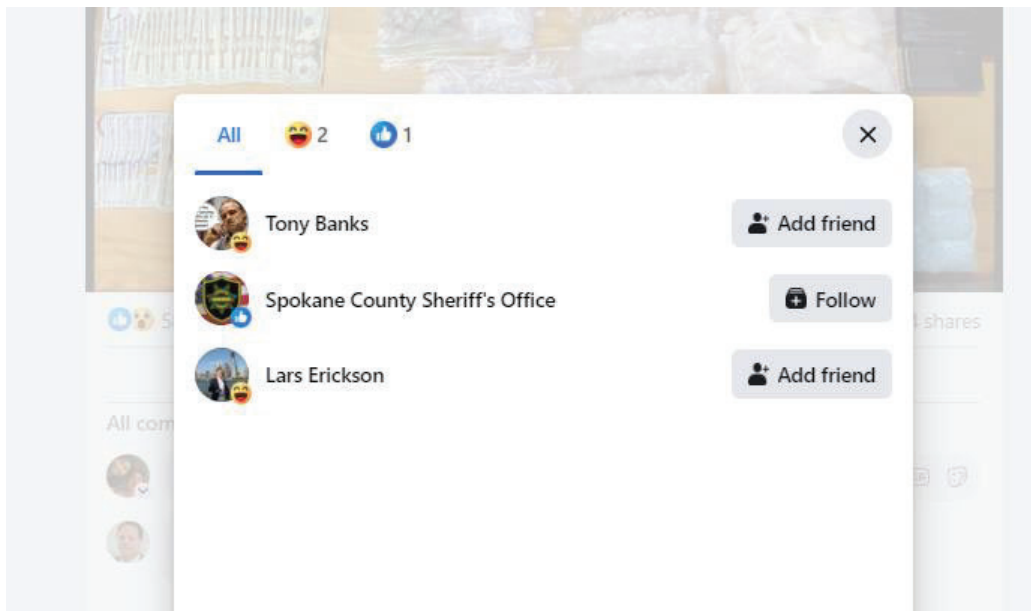
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Alex Price

Laura Price

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EXHIBIT 8

TO DECLARATION OF MIKA ROTHMAN

**Spokane County Sheriff's Office**

March 20 at 4:40 PM · 🌐



UPDATE: After Nicholas S. Taylor appeared in court for his first appearance hearing. Spokane County Superior Court Judge D. Chuang set his total bond at \$250,000.

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UPDATE: Suspect Arrested for Burglary and Kidnapping

Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies developed probable cause to charge the adult male suspect, who was shot in the leg, with Burglary 1st Degree, Kidnapping 2nd Degree, Assault 2nd Degree, and Violation of a Protection Order with Assault (DV).

On March 20, 2024, at approximately 9:40 am, Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a reported domestic violence incident at a residence located in the 5800 block of S. Palouse Highway.

The caller/victim, an adult female, stated her ex-boyfriend, 42-year-old Nicholas S. Taylor, uninvited and without permission, walked into the home where the victim was visiting. Taylor, armed with a hammer, grabbed the victim by the arm and tried to force her to leave with him.

She broke free from Taylor, who was still armed with the hammer. An adult male and the person the victim was visiting, fearing for his and the victim's safety, shot Taylor, striking him in the leg. Taylor fled the area in his vehicle.

At approximately 9:45 am, an AMR ambulance crew advised they were contacted in a parking lot, 57th Avenue and S. Regal Street, by a male (Taylor) who had a gunshot wound to his leg. Taylor was transported to the hospital for additional medical care.

Through the investigation, it was learned the victim had obtained a domestic violence protection order against Taylor, who reportedly lives in the Tri-Cities area.

The victim and the male who fired the shot cooperated with Investigators and were released without charges.

After being treated and released from the hospital, Taylor was transported and booked into the Spokane County Jail on Burglary 1st Degree, Kidnapping 2nd Degree, Assault 2nd, and Violation of a Protection Order with Assault (DV) charges.

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Deputies Respond to Reported Shooting

Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a shooting that occurred in the area of E. 57th Avenue and S. Palouse Highway.

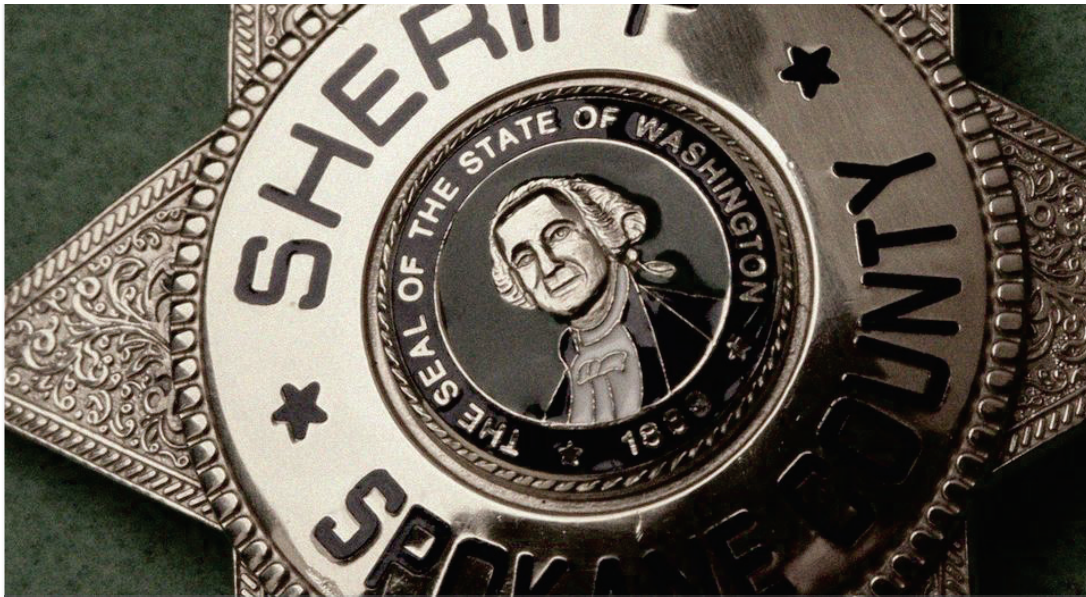
Deputies are in the early stages of this investigation, and information is limited. However, they believe the people involved have been contacted and that this incident does not pose an ongoing threat to the public.

The initial information indicates an adult male was shot in the leg during an argument. He was transported to the hospital for additional treatment for what is believed to be a non-life-threatening injury.

No further information is available at this time.

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Cynthia Bailey

Spokane County Sheriff's Office thank you for the update! I appreciate you all.

2w Like Reply



Heidi Johnson

Wow I guess his story didn't add up. Great work SCSO!!! Happy the victim survived.

3w Like Reply 2



Shanta Belcher

Great Job LEOs. Should be held without bail on all dv cases

2w Like Reply 2



Author

Spokane County Sheriff's Office

Shanta Belcher unfortunately if that happened, we'd have to be a new dedicated 'DV' jail. We do agree DV incidents need to be taken seriously, and there must be consequences.

2w Like Reply



Brian Papiez

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3w Like Reply



Heather Swope

It could have been so different, thank goodness we have good people working for our safety. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Muriel Tingley-Turner

Thank you so much! Praying for you all

3w Like Reply



Jerry Patterson

And that... is a real time education 🙏

3w Like Reply 4



Randy Dale

Good work SCSO!

3w Like Reply 2



Jim Scholz

A great job once again.

3w Like Reply 2



Marsha Robertson

Thank you

3w Like Reply



Shelly Humbert

Great job LEOs! Was he ROR or is the judge ACTUALLY keeping him locked up and protecting his ex?

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Cari Leander

He'll be out of jail in a few hours 😬

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Alex Price

Laura Price


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TO DECLARATION OF MIKA ROTHMAN

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 **Heather Swope**
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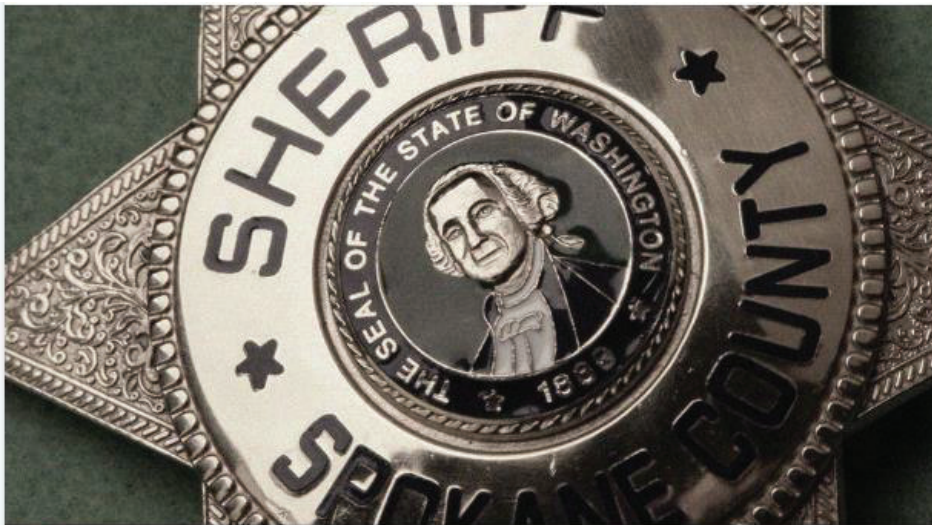
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-  Marsha Russell
Thank you Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Kriss Hassebrock
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EXHIBIT 10

TO DECLARATION OF MIKA ROTHMAN

**Spokane County Sheriff's Office**

May 8 at 4:16 PM ·



Update: Gary Ault Sentenced to Life without Parole

Today, after having been found guilty of Aggravated Premeditated Murder 1st Degree, Theft of a Firearm, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 1st Degree, Gary B. Ault was sentenced to Life without the Possibility of Parole for the premeditated murder of Richard Purdy on December 26, 2022. Ault is a multi-time convicted felon.

The trial and sentencing occurred in Spokane County Superior Court, with Superior Court Judge R. Anderson presiding.

The case was prosecuted by Spokane County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney D. Nagy and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney G. Kristianson.

The Spokane County Major Crimes Unit conducted the investigation, with Major Crimes Detective S. Bonney as the lead investigator.

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Information Sent January 10, 2023:

UPDATE: Detectives Identify and Charge Deer Park Homicide Suspect with Murder 1st Degree, Burglary 1st Degree

Spokane County Sheriff's Office Major Crime Detectives continued their investigation and developed probable cause to charge 37-year-old Gary B. Ault with Murder 1st Degree and Burglary 1st Degree in the death of 83-year-old Richard Purdy on December 26, 2022.

Detectives and Forensic Unit personnel remained at the victim's residence for several hours as they processed the scene for evidence once a search warrant was obtained.

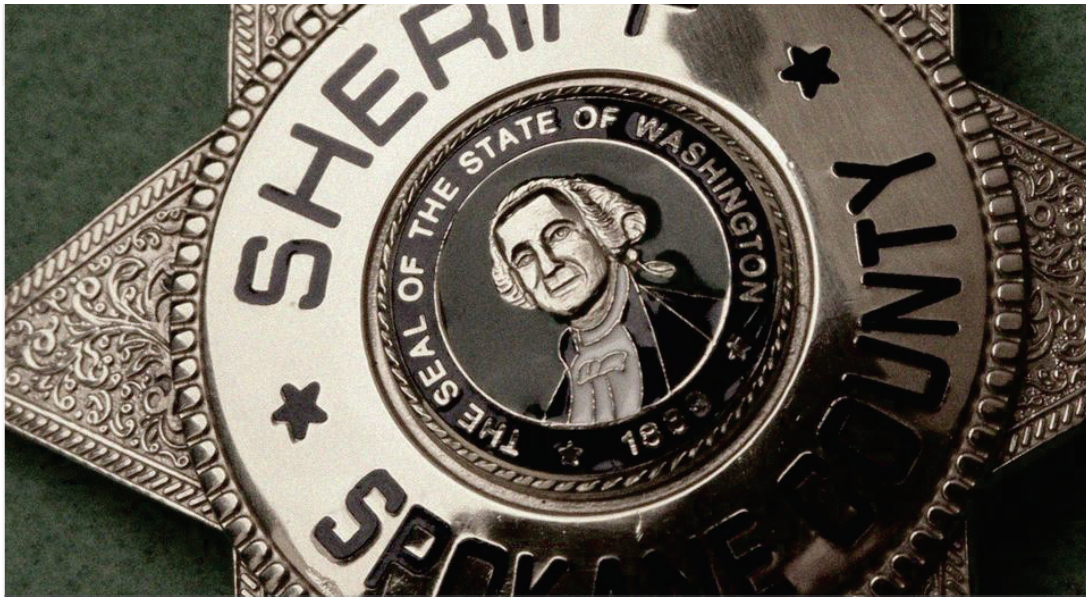
On December 28, 2022, Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office identified the victim as 83-year-old Richard Purdy, listing his Cause of Death as Sharp and Blunt Force Injuries, Manner: Homicide.

During the testing of evidence recovered at the scene, Detectives linked a DNA profile to the suspect, 37-year-old Gary B. Ault, through a Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) search. The Washington State Crime Lab conducted the DNA testing.

Investigators worked with SPD Major Crimes Detectives after they learned Ault was already in custody at the Spokane County Jail on separate charges brought by the Spokane Police Department on December 27, 2022. These charges stem from three unrelated, unprovoked, violent assaults of five victims. For the SPD charges of Assault 1st Degree, Assault 2nd Degree, Assault 3rd Degree, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 1st Degree, his bond was set at \$175,000.

Ault is a multi-time convicted felon including, but not limited to, charges of Burglary, Theft, Identity Theft, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, and Escape.





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Renee Purdy

Thank you so much to Scott Bonney, Geoff Christianson and Mr. Nagy for your dogged work to put an end to this nightmare. I can never say thank you enough. Thank you to the SPD for running his DNA. You can't argue with those facts.....

1d Like Reply 24



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Geri Purdy White

And he had the nerve to state that he is not evil, is a God fearing man and is not guilty. No explanation as to why his DNA was under my fathers fingernails.

1d Like Reply 9



Branden Randy Rauenzahn

Funny how these days you want pats on the back for finally doing the job you were hired to do in the first place.

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Spokane County Sheriff's Office replied · 23 Replies



Mike Schumacher

One could argue earlier prison time may have saved that victim.

1d Like Reply 3



Cody Storms

The sheriff office definitely doesn't do their job. There's a meth lab drug dealers three doors down from my house. I've been calling about it for four years and nobody does anything.

1d Like Reply



Alexa Jean

Great job guys, it's about time the system worked for you instead of against you.



Jim Scholz

Outstanding work detective Bonney. Thank you SCSO for all you do for the community.

1d Like Reply 3



Meghan Lo

Good job Judge R Anderson!

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Kevin Kirby

Well That is 1, keep pushing.

1d Like Reply 4



Diana Marie Chenoweth

Wow spokane 1 right in the books for the year.

1d Like Reply



David Parson

First time for everything

1d Like Reply



Matt Von Derau

Throw the key away.

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Shirley Hartley Milliren

This guy worked at Bi-Mart in Cheney, not for long, but around 2012-2014??? I think it was only for the Christmas holiday one year and he went by Brandon, I think 🤔

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Sherry Rollins

Good!

1d Like Reply 2



Beckie Shelly

Justice!

1d Like Reply



Rebeckah Aubertin

very nice 😊

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Dale Toliver

Nicely Done!

1d Like Reply 3



Mark Aguirre

Bye Felicia.

1d Like Reply 2



Randy Bean

Im so glad he was caught and no wont be free every again.

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Curtis Reiland

Nice now we have to pay for this scumbag to sit in prison how about do 10 years then death penalty save us tax payers some money it will free up a space in prison for the next pos





Anthony Counts

Life without parole Is better than nothing. Should be the death penalty IMO to Save us overtaxed and underpaid citizens some money...

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Laura Virginia

Hope he gets a "double Bubba" cell mate . Maybe even 3 of them. Piece of

1d Like Reply



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Branden Randy Rauenzahn

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Branden Randy Rauenzahn we simply provided the information that a convicted aggravated premeditated murder, and multi-time convicted felon, was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Hopefully, this clears up what seems to be a lack of reading comprehension or some other deficiency.

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